

Good Evening, Everybody:-

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3 (I've got some figures tonight.
4 They are an advance look into the
5 results of the Digest poll. They're
6 just odd figures from several scattered
7 cities, and not final ones at that. They
8 are merely a teaser.) They are only part
9 of the vote that has come in to date
10 from Charlotte, North Carolina; Atlanta,
11 Georgia; Lima, Ohio, and Los Angeles,
12 California. All the ballots are not in.
13 Not by a long shot. But here's the way
14 the matter stands in those cities up to
15 date.

16 (Let's take Charlotte, North Carolina,
17 first: in this charming city of the Old
18 South, 1,099 people have sent in their
19 votes. Of these 321 are for prohibition,
20 and 778 are against. That's the way
21 Charlotte, North Carolina, stands on the
22 record tonight. Further figures may
23 change the result.

24 From Atlanta, Georgia, we have
25 1,718 votes. 338 are for, 1,380 are
against ~~xxxx~~ prohibition.)

~~prohibition.~~

In these four cities picked at random, we have the mid-western ^{railroad center} ~~community~~ ^{a city of homes and factories.} of Lima, Ohio, [^] Lima has come through with 1,165 ballots. 345 are marked DRY, 820 are marked WET.

And then the Pacific Coast crashes through with a large vote from Los Angeles, ~~California~~. 4,398 ~~marked~~ ballots from Los Angeles have been counted to date. 327 are ~~cast~~ in favor of the 18th Amendment. 4,071 are against.

~~against.~~

But ~~these~~ ^{these} are mere random returns picked out haphazard from among the millions of votes that have been registered. So let's go on to some more figures that give us decisive information about the magnitude of the public response to this gigantic poll.

The Keystone state of Pennsylvania led the big parade today. Pennsylvania made an enthusiastic showing with over 52,000 votes sent in to ~~the Literary~~ ^{this} ~~biggest~~ 20-million-ballot ~~prohibition~~ poll.

1 New York came next with nearly 40,000
2 votes registered today. A few other
3 states that ~~registered~~ ^{piled up} a big vote during
4 the past 24 hours are: California,
5 14,138; Indiana, 13,316; Iowa, 14,119;
6 Kansas, 11,167; Kentucky, 15,394;
7 Massachusetts, 14,661; Michigan, 18,282,
8 and Illinois, 29,458. These figures give
9 merely the number of ^{properly} marked ballots that
10 have come pouring in during the last 24
11 hours. The total number of returned
12 ballots that came in today was 376,065.

13 Every day the number of returned
14 ballots is mounting higher and higher.
15 ~~toward a simply dizzy climax.~~

16 So much for the incoming mail. ~~to the~~
17 ~~giant test vote on prohibition.~~ As for
18 that stream of bulging mail-bags that is
19 going out, ~~with ballots for people all~~
20 ~~over the country, why~~ it's still keeping
21 up ^{as strongly as ever.} ~~its huge and steady march~~ ~~the march~~
22 ~~of the mail-bags.~~ Today one and a half
23 million ballots were turned over to Uncle
24 Sam's Postoffice Department to be
25 scattered among hosts of voters in states

1 far and wide.

2 Let's go on with the subject of
3 inquiries that have been coming in
4 concerning this ~~poll~~ phenomenal poll of
5 the nation on the question of prohibition.
6 Naturally a lot of the folks are curious,
7 ~~and some want their minds set at rest~~
8 ~~concerning doubts and misgivings that~~
9 ~~they may have.~~ For example, a number of
10 people have asked whether the ballots
11 sent out are fairly distributed between
12 ~~the~~ industrial and agricultural centers
13 ~~of the country.~~ They ^{wonder if} ~~seem to have a~~
14 ~~suspicion that~~ the manufacturing and
15 industrial centers are getting a larger
16 proportion of the ballots than the
17 farming communities.

18 ~~Now where did that idea come from?~~ Well,

19 The facts are just the reverse. Here's
20 a bit of inside information. Knowing
21 the great political importance of the
22 agricultural communities, ~~of the country,~~
23 directors of the poll take the utmost
24 care to be sure that the farmer has his
25 say, and in consequence the percentages

1 show that the agricultural communities
2 have a shade the better of it.

3 For example, take New York, which
4 has 12.11% of the voting population of the
5 country. It is receiving 10.10% of the
6 total ballots. On the other hand, Kansas
7 has 1.93% of the total number of voters
8 in the United States, but Kansas is
9 getting 2.31 per cent of the ballots.
10 Industrial New Jersey has 4.20% of the
11 voting population. It is getting 3.02
12 per cent of the ballots, while agricultural
13 Iowa with 2.74% of the voting population,
14 gets 3.18% of the ballots.

15 The list of all the percentages
16 shows, up and down the line, that the
17 farming sections are not being
18 discriminated against, but are, in fact,
19 being favored in the distribution of the
20 ballots.

21 ~~Meanwhile, the returns are pouring~~
22 ~~in~~ The zero hour is almost at hand.
23 The Literary Digest staff is rapidly
24 pushing ahead with its job of counting
25 and tabulating, getting things into such

1 shape that the first returns can soon
2 be announced -- not scattered haphazard
3 figures that wouldn't mean anything much,
4 but a series of classified returns that
5 will jump right into the job of
6 analyzing the attitude of various parts
7 of the country on the subject of
8 prohibition, and of summarizing the
9 attitude of the country as a whole on that
10 most vital topic of the day.

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1 The French Cabinet was defeated today. The Chamber
2 of Deputies in a formal vote of confidence turned against Premier
3 Laval and his Ministers, by a vote of one hundred and fifty-seven
4 to one hundred and thirty-four.

6 The vote called for the resignation of the Cabinet.
7 Following that comes a United Press dispatch, which declares that
8 Premier Laval has decided to resign at once.

10 All of which means that there will be a lot of maneuver-
11 ing around in Paris, with dickerings and conferences, for the
12 purpose of lining up a new group of ministers that will be able to
13 get a majority in the Chamber of Deputies.

1 Let's have a bit of news about
2 ~~the~~^a disarmament conference. No, not
3 the conference that is meeting right
4 now in Geneva. Let's go back a few
5 years, 793 years to be precise.

6 In the year 1139 there was
7 a solemn stately assemblage which took
8 up the question of war and armament.

9 The New York Evening Post
10 ~~yesterday~~^s related how a newspaper
11 over in Poland has dug up the records
12 of what seems to have been the first
13 disarmament conference. ~~on record.~~ It
14 was ~~as~~ a great counsel of the Medieval
15 Church, the second lateran counsel
16 which was held at Rome way back in those
17 days when the armored knight sallied out
18 to battle with his lance at rest and his
19 battle-axe at his side.

20 The Lateran Counsel, in
21 dealing with various problems of the
22 day, took up the questions of weapons
23 of war. Among these weapons was the
24 bow and arrow. A new type of arrow had
25 just come into use. It was long and

1 particularly hard and sharp. It was a
 2 new kind of terror, something like
 3 submarines, tanks, and poison gas of
 4 our day.

5 The ~~king~~^{dignitaries} of the Lateran
 6 didn't approve of that new fangled arrow
 7 at all. The Polish newspaper in telling
 8 of the proceedings, explains how the
 9 valiant knight was at the mercy of the
 10 coward, who, from his hiding place, could
 11 pierce the knight with an arrow at a
 12 distance often exceeding fifty yards.
 13 And so the counsel of the Lateran decided
 14 that this sort of thing was contrary to
 15 the principle of fair play and equal
 16 chance. A solemn anathema was ~~pronounced~~
 17 pronounced against anybody who thereafter
 18 should use the forbidden arrows.

19 But that terrifying anathema
 20 pronounced by the great princes ~~in the~~
 21 ~~great~~^{and} ecclesiastic^s ~~of~~^{of} christendom, didn't
 22 have much effect. The archers went
 23 ahead and used those new fangled arrows
 24 just the same. And so the knight had to
 25 ~~put on heavier and more cumbersome armor,~~
~~armor that could resist the hard driven~~
~~arrows.~~ put on bigger and better armor.

1 (Well, the ^{great} ~~big~~ Japanese offensive
2 seems to be under way. All day the
3 Japanese heavy guns have been shelling
4 the Chinese positions. ~~An international~~
5 ~~News Service dispatch in~~ The New York
6 Evening Journal declares that the
7 detonations were so heavy that throughout
8 the International Settlement windows
9 shook and rattled.)

10 The League of Nations has made
11 another appeal to Japan. It is a strong
12 plea asking the Tokio government to
13 cease its warlike measures.

14 The League of Nations warns
15 Japan that if she takes any territory
16 away from China, it will meet with the
17 disapproval of the League and will not
18 be recognized.

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1 A new complication in the
2 Far Eastern trouble comes in the
3 mobilization of Soviet troops along the
4 Manchurian ~~border~~ ^{border.} Russian garrisons
5 have been ~~mobilized~~ ^{re-enforced} all along the line.
6 But they say this is not directed against
7 Japan.

8 A United Press dispatch in the
9 New York World-Telegram gives the
10 Soviet interpretation as declaring that
11 the Bolshevick authorities are afraid
12 of plots on the part of the White Russians
13 in Manchuria.

14 They think that with Japan in
15 control of the City of Harbin, the cohorts
16 of Anti-Bolshevick ~~troops~~ ^{Russians who} have taken refuge
17 in Manchuria will start schemes for making
18 trouble for the Red authorities in
19 Eastern Siberia.

1 It seems that there was a plot
2 to bomb St. Peters Church in Rome, but
3 the plot didn't amount to so much.

4 A bomb was found planted in
5 christendom's greatest cathedral, and
6 it was supposed that it might represent
7 an attempt on the life of Pope Pius XI.
8 *Reports yesterday*
~~One rumor~~ had it that the bomb was found
9 as the result of a tip from the United
10 States. But ^{tonight} this is denied.

11 A United Press dispatch in the
12 New York World-Telegram relates that the
13 bomb turned out to be nothing very
14 formidable. It was exploded by rifle
15 fire, and didn't go off with any earth-
16 shaking detonations. It had merely
17 been loaded with common black powder, and
18 even if it had exploded in the church,
19 it would have made a loud roar, but
20 it would have been more noise than
21 damage.

1 One of the great figures of
2 the American theatre passed from the
3 stage of life today.

4 Mrs. ~~Minnie Maddern~~ Fiske died
5 in New York. She was 67 years old, and
6 had spent sixty years on the stage.
7 She made her debut as a child. She
8 was a star at fifteen.

9 The New York Evening Journal
10 reminds us how ^{Minnie Maddern Fiske} ~~she~~ played in many
11 performances with Edwin Booth, with
12 John McCullough, and other celebrities
13 of ~~the~~ bygone day. The plays in which
14 she starred ranged all the way from
15 Ten Nights in a Barroom, and the Two
16 Orphans, to the somber masterpieces
17 of Ibsen, such as The Doll's House, ~~and~~
18 ~~Hedda Gabler~~. As the years went by
19 she became one of the most famous
20 personalities of that world where
21 tragedy and comedy are played in
22 fantasies of make-believe.

KIDNAPPING

1 A strange dramatic story comes
2 from Cleveland. It tells of a man who
3 was kidnapped at Timber Lake, New York,
4 was taken to Cleveland and there
5 succeeded in making his escape. He is
6 Harry A. Blagden who runs a boys' camp
7 on Upper Saranac Lake.

8 A United Press dispatch in the
9 New York World-Telegram tells how
10 Blagden was in a cottage on Timber Lake
11 last Friday night. The gangsters held
12 him up with a gun and told him to come
13 along. They drove ^{off with} him, ~~away~~, threatening
14 constantly that they would kill him.
15 They asked him if he was a millionaire
16 sportsman. He said no--he was only a
17 school-teacher. He believes that ~~if~~
18 they kidnapped him by mistake.

19 ^{Impression} that It is ~~believed~~ ^{thought} that they ^{were under the} ~~thought~~
20 he was E. Roland Harriman, son of
21 Harriman, the Railroad king.

22 The upshot of it all was that
23 they wrote to Blagden's family demanding
24 a ransom of a thousand dollars. But
25 they were afraid to keep the appointment
to get the money.

1 They fed the prisoner knockout
 2 drops. When he came to he found
 3 himself in a room above a garage. He
 4 believes ~~it~~^{it} was in Albany. He still
 5 remained drowsy from the effects of the
 6 drug.

7 Once more they drove him off in
 8 an automobile, this time in a closed
 9 motor ~~car~~^{truck}. They proceeded to Cleveland
 10 and there two of the kidnapers went
 11 into a lunch room and left a third on
 12 guard ~~of~~^{over} the prisoner in the truck.

13 Blagden was still dizzy from
 14 the effects of the drug, but he is a
 15 powerful chap and an athlete. He played
 16 possum, pretending to be worse off than
 17 he was. When ~~a~~ the guard relaxed his
 18 vigilance the prisoner suddenly jumped
 19 up and smashed him a punch in the
 20 stomach. Then he grabbed the guard's
 21 pistol, smacked him over the head with
 22 it, and knocked him ~~out~~^{cold.} Regular movie
 23 melodrama. Then he ~~dashed away~~^{beat it}, running as
 24 hard as he could. He just kept on
 25 running, dazed--bewildered. He must have

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sprinted a mile before he stopped and asked a passerby in what town he was. He found it was Cleveland, and then proceeded to notify the police.

1 Let's have a bit of medical
 2 science, ~~and let's consult - not not~~
 3 ~~and and let in not~~ the doctors,
 4 at least not the human doctors. *Let's consult*
 5 *the animals.*

6 An article in the New York Sun
 7 tells how various animals seem to be
 8 pretty good physicians. ~~They~~ Their
 9 treatments are not very complicated but
 10 they seem to work. Dogs, as we all know,
 11 eat grass as a medicine, and lick their
 12 wounds.

13 Then there's old Mr. Baboon,
 14 Doctor Baboon, *by the light of the moon.*
 15 ~~I should say.~~ We are told
 16 that if a young baboon is hurt, why the
 17 mother Baboon ~~will~~ stuffs leaves into
 18 the wound, *healing leaves.*

19 Woodcocks and partridges are
 20 said to dress their own wounds and they
 21 say that some birds have ~~xxxx~~ gone so far
 22 as to apply splints to broken limbs—
 23 a type of mud splint.

24 And talking about ~~xxxx~~ mud, there's
 25 *old* Doctor Wild Boar. If he is wounded he
 26 is likely to bury himself in mud and
 27 stay there until his injuries are
 28 healed. *Not so dumb.*

1 Here is a man who at first glance certainly does
2 seem to deserve a lot of sympathy. The cops of the Hoboken,
3 New Jersey, Police Court were thinking of raising a purse to
4 help him out, that is, they were until they got more of the
5 facts.
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7 The New York World-Telegram relates how Michael
8 De Reso was arrested on a charge of non-support, and it certainly
9 did look like a lot of non-support.
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11 Mike's family consists of a wife and twenty-three
12 children, twenty-three, and that's a considerable amount of
13 family to have on your hands in these times.
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15 It turned out, however, that nineteen of Mike's
16 offspring are married, which reduces the burden somewhat. That
17 leaves only four children, and some of them may be working.
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19 Twenty-three children! And as we used to say twenty-three years
20 ago -- it's twenty-three for me -- and.
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22 SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.
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